

# Iron County Register.

By ELI D. AKE.

IRONTON, MISSOURI

The estate of the late Bret Hart, on which letters of administration were granted in London, on the 2d, is valued at \$1,800.

Mrs. William A. Clark, Jr., daughter-in-law of Senator Clark, of Montana, died at her home in Butte, Mont., on the 1st, aged 23 years.

The wedding of Miss Marion Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, to Mr. E. F. Gallaudet, of Washington, is set for February 14.

The body of Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, in accordance with her wishes, will be cremated, and the ashes buried by the side of her husband.

The Demler tin plate plant, at McKeessport, Pa., which has been idle for several months, resumed operations on the 29th, giving employment to 600 men.

Berlin papers say Prince Henry of Prussia will come to the United States in 1904 to visit the St. Louis exposition and unveil a monument in Philadelphia.

Grief over the loss of a daughter, who died on Christmas day, caused the death of Mrs. Margaret E. Robinson, aged 80 years, at Paducah, Ky., on the 30th.

Rev. J. B. McMichael, for 20 years president of Monmouth college, Monmouth, Ill., fell dead in his pulpit in a Presbyterian church near Xenia, O., on December 31.

Col. John J. Dickey, a native of Rushville, Ill., and one of the oldest residents in the service of the Western Union Telegraph Co., died at Omaha Neb., on the 29th.

A little household aroused the family of Charles Gardner, at Wellsville, Mo., early on the morning of the 29th, just in time for them to escape from their burning home.

The remains of Mrs. Mary E. Dockery, wife of Missouri's governor, were buried in the cemetery at Chillicothe, Mo., on the 2d, close beside those of seven of her children.

President Jacob G. Schurman left Ithaca, N. Y., on the 29th, for a tour of the west, and will lecture on political and educational topics in several of the larger cities.

In a political discussion in a drinking cafe in Santiago, Cuba, on the 1st, Senator Corona, editor of Cubana Libre, shot and instantly killed Senor Insula, editor of the Republica.

Frank E. Gilcrest, serving a 50-year term in the Chester (Ill.) prison, and suffering from consumption, had his sentence commuted by Acting Gov. Northcott to expire New Year's day.

The Pacific cable was completed to Honolulu on the 1st, and Gov. Dole sent a message to President Roosevelt announcing the opening and extending greetings from the people of Hawaii.

Secretary Iddings, of the United States embassy at Rome, was thrown from his carriage, on the 1st, by a collision with a street car, and received injuries from which he will be several weeks in recovering.

The bursting of a stereopticon gas tank at a Christmas entertainment in a French church in Chicago, on the night of the 29th, resulted in a wild panic among those present and in injury to a number of persons.

The Venezuelan revolutionists resumed active hostilities against President Castro, on the 27th, the armistice having expired, and a battle was fought, at the close of which the insurgents maintained their position.

Miss Mary Barber, niece of Mrs. McKinley, and Maj. Ralph Hartwell, an attorney of Denver, Col., were married at Canton, O., on the 30th. Mrs. McKinley attended the wedding, and gave the bride a silver table service.

Clara Ware, a deaf-mute, who was never known to have uttered a word from her birth, died in Madison county, Mississippi, on the 2d, and a few hours before her death called on members of the family to come to her.

Senator G. G. Vest, of Missouri, in a published signed statement, insists that he is not a candidate for re-election by the Missouri legislature, and that any mention of his name is without his consent and over his protest.

A letter from George C. Reed, American missionary at Fez, Morocco, to George S. Fisher, of Kansas City, Mo., dated December 4, expresses the belief that the Christian missionaries will be killed if taken by the fanatical rebels.

The roof of an abandoned coal mine under the city of Olyphant, Pa., gave way, on the 2d, and engulfed a hotel and three other buildings covering a ground space of 6,000 square feet, but the alarm had been given in time to allow everybody to escape.

During the naval maneuvers in Philippine waters, on the 2d, Ensign Babcock and part of his boat's crew were upset from their boat, but swam a mile through shark-infested waters and successfully accomplished their object of placing countermine buoys near Subig bay.

The Springfield (Ill.) Evening News which had just changed owners, was burned out on the 1st. The employees were penned in by the flames in an upper story, but were rescued by the prompt efforts of the fire department. The loss is covered by insurance.

A valuable collection of relics of the tour of President and Mrs. Grant around the world were placed for the first time on public exhibition in the national museum at Washington on the 1st. Their transfer to the government was provided for in the will of Mrs. Grant.

1903	JANUARY	1903
SUN.	MON.	TUE.
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15
16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24
25	26	27
28	29	30
31		

## NEWS AND NOTES.

### A Summary of Important Events.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL

Mrs. Mary E. Dockery, wife of the governor of Missouri, died at the executive mansion, Jefferson City, early on the morning of the 1st, of heart failure, with which she had been ill for several weeks. She was born in Chillicothe, Mo., in 1848.

King Edward of England was officially proclaimed emperor of India at the durbar at Delhi, on the 1st.

Fire in the basement of the capitol building at Jefferson City, Mo., on the 1st, burned some records of the land department, but otherwise did little damage.

A message came over the new Pacific cable, on the evening of the 1st, from Honolulu saying that the cable was spliced to the shore end at three o'clock on that day. The message gave no explanation of the six days' delay in the completion of the connection.

There is no longer the slightest doubt that the disease now afflicting Mazatlan, Mexico, is genuine Asiatic plague, for microscopic investigation proves that bubonic pest bacilli are in the blood of those afflicted with the prevailing disease.

Thomas A. Edison promises to have his new storage battery on the market this month, and declares it will solve the traction problem and that its introduction will mean that the horse will have to go.

President Castro's reply to the powers, through Minister Bowen, is substantially an unqualified acceptance of their proposals to arbitrate, and the accompanying conditions. A further interchange of views, preparatory to signing the protocol, will take place in Washington.

President Palma of Cuba celebrated his first New Year's as chief executive with a public reception at the palace in Havana, and a diplomatic dinner at night. There were many Americans among those who paid their respects.

Miss Mollie Atchison, the largest woman in southern Illinois, died at Ina, a small station, 13 miles from Benton, on the 1st. She was 26 years old and weighed 320 pounds.

It is said that the sultan of Morocco has summoned the sheikhs and nobles to Fez and made a bid for their loyalty, offering to abjure his European predilections, to break his relations with Christians and to maintain Islamism.

Miss Helen Miller Gould received as a New Year's gift a handsome loving cup, which was presented to her by about 300 enlisted men of the Eighty-first coast artillery, who are stationed at Port Slocum.

In a drunken brawl at Santiago, Cuba, on the 2d, between seven Italians, two of them were killed instantly, two died in the hospital, one was fatally and one seriously wounded. The seventh man was unhurt.

Grief over the death of her husband, who fell from a wagon and broke his neck, impelled Mrs. Elizabeth Gleich, of St. Louis, to drown herself in a cistern, on the 2d.

A wild engine crashed into a flyer, on the night of the 2d, at Shelburne, Vt., killing both engineers and firemen and fatally injuring a brakeman.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science will hold its next meeting in St. Louis, from December 28, 1903, to January 2, 1904.

The village of Woodruff, in McLean county, Ill., was destroyed by fire, on the 2d.

Deputy Marshal Sorrels was shot and instantly killed and two other deputies wounded by an unknown man whom they attempted to arrest at Coal Creek, I. T., on the 2d.

J. O. Williams, alleged to have arrested and forged money orders in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kansas, was arrested by post office inspectors at Lima, O., on the 2d.

A new gas well, the largest in the state, was struck in Licking county, O., on the 2d. It has a daily capacity of 14,000,000 cubic feet.

The headquarters of the Carpenters' and Joiners' union were removed from Philadelphia to Indianapolis, Ind., on the 2d.

J. N. Castle, a former congressman, was found dead of heart disease at his home in Stillwater, Minn., on the 2d.

Officials of the Pacific Cable Co. say they will have the cable completed to Manila by the fourth of July.

Howard Gould and party, on the steam yacht Niagara, passed Gibraltar, on the 2d.

The cabinet, on the 2d, decided to permanently close the post office at Indianapolis, Miss., from which the postmistress, Minnie M. Cox, a negro, recently resigned under compulsion, since which it has remained closed.

The Pressed Steel Car Co., of New York, proposes to carry for each of its employees who have been six months or more in its employ from one to twenty-five shares of the preferred stock, now paying seven per cent. dividends.

It is officially announced that the French government has abandoned the idea of reproducing the Petit Trianon as the national pavilion at the Louisiana Purchase exposition in St. Louis, and will, instead, reproduce the Grand Trianon, erected by Louis XIV.

Capt. George Terrell of the Red D line steamer Zulia has been suspended for having violated the neutrality laws in giving information to a German blockade ship that led to the capture of the Venezuelan gunboat Miranda on December 20 last.

Col. Green, the new police commissioner of New York city, has ordered all the special duty men into uniform and their transfer to new precincts. The object of the order is the breaking up of the system of blackmail alleged to exist.

Administration officials at Washington have been forced by the discontent of European powers at China's refusal to pay the second installment of the Boxer indemnity in gold, to regard the Chinese question as one of the most menacing now obscuring the horizon of world politics.

"It seems to be beyond question," cables the Johannesburg correspondent of the London Daily Mail, "that large and enormously rich diamond fields exist north of Pretoria."

The grand total of the twentieth century Methodist thank offering, exclusive of the collections taken in thousands of Methodist churches on Sunday, December 28, and of the watchnight services New Year's eve, is \$20,634,960.

In recognition of President Roosevelt's attitude in favor of The Hague tribunal a movement has been started in Europe to present him with a magnificent work of art symbolizing the service he has rendered to the cause of arbitration.

The Pacific cable to Honolulu was opened for business on the 5th. The commercial rate is fixed at 50 cents a word and the press rate 20 cents.

Consul Goding, at Newcastle, N. S. W., says that, to meet the harvest deficiencies in Australia, due to the prolonged drought, 100,000 tons of breadstuffs will be required.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

White river overflowed its banks at O'Brien station, near Seattle, Wash., early on the morning of the 4th, and the people of the town were awakened by water creeping into their beds, but all were taken out in safety.

C. W. Wood, a railroad engineer, had his foot pinned under a wreck at St. Paul, Minn., on the 4th, and was being scalded by steam, when he took a knife from his pocket and amputated his foot below the ankle.

A St. Louis watchman, on the night of the 4th, discovered a burglar inside a restaurant stealing pennies out of the Fresh Air Mission contribution box, and after a sharp struggle landed him in the lock-up.

The governors and ex-governors of many western states will be present at the grand ball to be given during the convention of the National Live Stock association, at Kansas City, Mo., January 14.

"Topsy," an elephant who had killed three men and had recently become unmanageable, was electrocuted at Coney Island, New York, on the 4th, 6,600 volts killing her in ten seconds.

The 11-year-old son of Motorman S. J. Bland was run over and killed by the car his father had just alighted from, in Nevada, Mo., on the 4th. His mother also witnessed the accident.

St. Louis master plumbers, at a meeting, on the 5th, agreed to pay the increased scale of wages demanded by the union, and the men returned to work on the 6th.

Forty Americans, among them Mrs. L. Z. Leiter, of Chicago, mother of Lady Curzon, attended a brilliant function following the durbar, at Delhi, India, on the 4th.

Charles J. Bell, professor of chemistry in the University of Wisconsin, died at Somerville, Mass., on the 4th, where he had been spending the holidays with his brother.

Cold water forced down his throat had the effect of awakening John Fuller, a negro prisoner, at Kansas City, Mo., on the 4th, who had been asleep for 150 hours.

Dr. Julius Kohli died at his home in Belleville, Ill., on the 4th, aged 6 years. He was one of the oldest practitioners in St. Clair county.

A stable boy and 23 horses were burned to death in a fire at Dallas, Tex., on the 4th.

In the senate, on the 5th, a discussion on the coal situation occupied the time until two o'clock. A number of bills on the subject were introduced, causing a lively debate. The omnibus statehood bill was taken up, Mr. Nelson (Minn.) speaking in opposition to it until four o'clock, when the senate adjourned.

In the house the bill to create a general staff in the army was taken up, and an attempt was made to pass it under a suspension of the rules, but as a roll call showed less than a quorum present, the house adjourned.

Capt. Marmaduke and the American officers and crew of the Colombian gunboat Bogota resigned at Panama, on the 5th, and their services being no longer needed, the resignations were accepted. They will receive four months' pay and transportation to the United States.

Isaac Studebaker, who raised a disturbance in a Dunkard church in the Deer Creek (Ind.) neighborhood, on the 4th, was set upon by the pastor's son, and after a hard fight in front of the altar the offending youth was knocked out and taken senseless to his home.

President Roosevelt, on the 5th, directed the appointment of Capt. Louis B. Lawton, Twenty-sixth infantry, who was permanently injured by a wound at Tien-Tsin, to be major in the judge advocate general's department.

The United States supreme court, on the 5th, affirmed the validity of an ordinance of the borough of New Hope, Pa., requiring telegraph companies to pay a license fee for poles and wires in the town.

Col. Henry C. Forbes, librarian of the Illinois state laboratory of natural history, died at his home in Urbana, on the 5th. He commanded the Seventh Illinois cavalry in the civil war.

A posse of citizens at Bouef River, La., on the 5th, ordered a colored mail carrier named Jackson not to return with the mail on his route, threatening him with death in case he did.

Senator Clarke went on a special train from New York to Butte, Mont., to be present at the funeral of his daughter-in-law, on the 5th. The "million dollar baby" is doing well.

Bishop Gulstan F. Ropert, head of the Catholic church in Hawaii, died at Honolulu, on the 5th.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

### Missouri Crops.

The United States department of agriculture, climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau, Missouri section, for the month of December, 1902, says:

"December was a disagreeable month throughout the state, the weather being generally cloudy, with frequent rains and shows and considerable sleet. No severe freezing weather occurred up to the 15th, but on the 25th and 26th a wave over-spread the state, and the temperature fell to zero, or below, in most sections. The total precipitation of the month exceeded 4 inches over nearly all of the south-western and a number of the south-eastern counties, and over the extreme southern counties it ranged from 1 to 2 1/2 inches. Up to the 24th wheat suffered little or no injury from unfavorable weather conditions, but during the severe freezing weather from the 25th to the 29th the ground was bare, and in some counties it is feared the crop has been damaged. Many correspondents, however, report the crop in excellent condition, and it is believed that, in most sections, it has been saved. In some of the central and northern counties a few of the southern counties the early sown wheat has been considerably injured by the cold, but the wheat sown later in the month, when the ground was frozen, the weather was very unfavorable for corn, and in some counties a portion of the crop still remains in the fields, especially in the central and northern sections. In a few of the southern counties fruit trees have been broken down by the heavy snow. In most sections fall pastures, where not overstocked, afforded good grazing during the greater part of the month."

"A. E. HACKBETT, "Section Director."

### Reports on Taxes and Fees.

Secretary of State Sam B. Cook reports having received and paid into the state treasury taxes and fees for the month of December, 1902, as follows:

Notarial commissions ..... \$ 456 00  
Domestic corporations ..... 35,245 00  
Foreign corporations ..... 17,215 00  
Miscellaneous fees ..... 2,119 25  
Bank inspection fees ..... 1,512 50  
Recording railroad contracts ..... 70 00

Total ..... \$49,757 75  
The secretary also reports having received and paid into the state treasury \$395,478.00 during the biennial period ending December 31, 1902, as follows:

Notarial commissions ..... \$ 456 00  
Domestic corporations ..... 35,245 00  
Foreign corporations ..... 17,215 00  
Miscellaneous fees ..... 2,119 25  
Land department fees ..... 345 90  
Bank inspection fees ..... 1,512 50  
Recording railroad contracts ..... 70 00

### Condition of State Treasury.

State Treasurer R. P. Williams has filed his report with Gov. Dockery, showing the condition of the state treasury for the year just closed, the quarter and the month of December.

Report for month of December, 1902: Balance, November 29, 1902, \$1,671,912.96; receipts, including transfers, \$1,067,714.55; disbursements, including transfers, \$1,671,912.96; balance, December 31, 1902, \$667,714.55. Fourth quarterly report: Balance September 30, 1902, \$1,671,912.96; receipts, including transfers, \$1,067,714.55; disbursements, including transfers, \$1,671,912.96; balance, December 31, 1902, \$667,714.55. Annual report 1902: Balance December 31, 1901, \$1,671,912.96; receipts, including transfers, \$1,067,714.55; disbursements, including transfers, \$1,671,912.96; balance, December 31, 1902, \$667,714.55.

### Bullet Restored His Reason.

The insane man who was shot in the Howell county jail by a guard who he attacked, several days ago, has been identified as Raymond M. Davis. For five years he has wandered over the country. After being shot his reason was restored, and he gave his family history. His father, Sanford Davis, was notified, and he left his home in Unionville, Ia., immediately, and an affectionate reunion followed, the father having given up his son for dead long ago.

### She Was Homeless.

Mrs. Luther H. Gilliam, wife of a prominent young farmer living two miles north of Slater, committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart with a shotgun. She left a note stating that she was homeless.

### Jarvis Couldn't Agree.

The jury in the W. H. Wright murder case, on trial in the circuit court at Butler, was discharged, having failed to agree after being out 13 hours. Nine stood for conviction and three for acquittal.

### Should Have Used Warm Water.

Rudolph Becker, aged 17, tried suicide in the river at St. Louis, but the cold water unnerved him and he clung to a cake of ice for three hours, when he was rescued by a policeman.

### Wanted in Iowa.

John Washington and Edward Ross, wanted in Burlington, Ia., on several charges, the principal one being highway robbery, were apprehended in Hannibal and taken back to Burlington.

### Workman Killed by Falling Stone.

Charles Manderson, a workman on a building in course of erection in St. Louis, was killed by being struck on the head by a large stone which fell from the sixth story.

### Interment at Chillicothe.

Mrs. A. M. Dockery, wife of Gov. Dockery, was laid to rest beside her seven children in the family plot at Chillicothe. All the state officers attended the funeral.

### Seed for Branch of Promise.

Joseph Harper, owner of a distillery near Searsville, is defendant in a \$15,000 case of promise suit filed by Mrs. Emma Davis, of Carthage.

### Found Bag of Jewels.

Two St. Louis patrolmen found a small bag on the street containing jewels valued at \$1,000. They were soon after claimed by the owner.

### Governor Offers a Reward.

Gov. Dockery has offered a reward of \$300 each for the arrest and conviction of the persons who burglarized the bank at Union.

### Accidental Wound Proves Fatal.

Ferdinand Jaeger, aged 18, died at his home near New Haven, the result of a gunshot wound received accidentally while hunting.

### A Faithful Dog.

A little house dog aroused the family of Charles Gardner, at Wellsville, just in time for them to escape from their burning home.

### A Record Breaker.

A record-breaking item in St. Louis this month will be the payment of \$2,000,000 in January dividends.

## WORLD'S FAIR PROGRESS.

### The End of the Present Year Will See All of the Buildings Ready for Exhibits.

### THE LAGOON WORK NEARLY FINISHED.

### Foreign Governments Showing Increased Activity in Arranging for Displays, and Several are Disposed to Enlarge Upon Original Plans, Notably France.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—The Globe-Democrat, commenting editorially on the progress manifest in the preparation for the Louisiana Purchase centennial exposition, says:

"It is stated on official authority that the physical features of the World's fair will be completed by the end of the present year, and be ready then for the exhibits, with four months for interior preparation. Contracts have been let for nine main structures, which include the buildings to be devoted to art, varied industries, machinery, electricity, education, social economy, manufactures, liberal arts, mines and metallurgy. Contracts have also been made for the architectural terrace for the state exhibits, and for the hanging gardens and Cascade hill. The lagoon work is nearly finished. Drawings for the agricultural and horticultural building are ready. Several of the principal buildings are nearly completed, and all must be done by December 1 next, or the contractors forfeit \$500 a day. Foreign governments are active in arranging for their displays. They are disposed to enlarge the original plans, France just having sent word that it will reproduce the Grand Trianon instead of the Petit Trianon.

"The commissions in charge of the state exhibits are moving vigorously. Director of Works Taylor says that from designs submitted, it is apparent that the structures to be put up by the states will surpass anything heretofore undertaken by individual states, and he is sure that all can be erected in one season. He estimates that the physical features of the fair are from 25 to 30 per cent. finished. Word comes from Oregon that the state will spend \$50,000 on its exhibit. The Pennsylvania legislature will make a large appropriation without delay. States that they had not decided to participate are swinging into line. The many governors inaugurated this month cover the fair period with their administration, and will have to do a great deal of explaining if their states are unrepresented at a national celebration and the largest and most splendid of international expositions. They will not do their states or themselves justice if they fail to join the big procession that will be historical."

### WORLD'S FAIR FINANCES.

#### Gratifying Showing Made by the Treasurer of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co.

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—According to a statement prepared by the treasurer 25,071 shares of stock in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co. had been paid in full up to the close of the offices December 31, 1902. These are record-breaking figures in exposition finances. The last payment of stock is not actually due until September, 1903, but 2,068 subscribers to the stock have paid in full. Certificates are still being issued for full paid stock as rapidly as the clerks in the treasurer's office can get them out. The payment on the capital stock during the month of December just closed aggregates \$131,542.

The shares are issued in five series—A, B, C, D and E. A certificates are for single shares; the B series, two shares; the C series, five shares; the D series, ten shares, and the E series, over ten shares. The A leads in the number of certificates issued, being nearly five hundred. The E series comes next with nearly four hundred certificates out.

### SOUVENIR GOLD DOLLARS.

#### Jewelers Devising Carriers for the Louisiana Purchase Centennial Gold Dollars.

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—The jewelers in various parts of the country have devised means for using the Louisiana Purchase souvenir gold dollar for an ornament without injuring its legal tender value. A number of St. Louis jewelers lead the way in this. The coin is placed between two glass lenses sufficiently concave on the side next the coin to allow space for the coin and sufficiently convex on the other side to magnify the coin a trifle. The two lenses are held together by a loop of gold carrying a staple by which it may be attached to watch guards, watch chains, bracelets, etc.

### A Brilliant Function.

Delhi, India, Jan. 5.—The Chapter of Indian Orders held Saturday night was one of the most brilliant functions following the durbar. It was attended by Lord Curzon of Kedleston, viceroy of India, and Lady Curzon; the duke of Connaught, representative of King Edward, and the duchess of Connaught, and scores of native princes. Among the brilliant assemblage were nearly three hundred members of the order of the Satar of India and many maharajahs. About forty Americans were present at the chapter.

### Chinese Minister to Wed.

Peking, Jan. 5.—Sir Liang Cheng, minister designated to the United States, will marry the daughter of the Chinese minister at Paris, Yu Keng, before leaving for Washington. The wedding probably will take place at Canton.

### Disturbances Spreading.

Shanghai, Jan. 5.—The disturbances in the interior of China are spreading. Five thousand troops have been sent to suppress the disorders in the province of Che Kiang.

## INDEPENDENT OPERATORS.

### Answer of the Independent Anthracite Operators to the Miners' Demands Made Public.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—The answer of the independent coal operators to the demands of the miners was made public here Sunday. The answer will be submitted to the anthracite strike commission. It was written by John Markle, managing partner of the firm. The statement is in part as follows:

"The present firm was formed on December 30, 1899, for the purpose of mining coal upon lands that had been under lease from the Union Improvement Co. for 30 years from January 1, 1890, and from the Highland Coal Co. for 30 years from January 1, 1892. The mines are situated at or near Jeddo. The firm employs about two thousand four hundred men, and many of its employees reside in the villages of Freeland, about two miles distant, and Hazleton, about seven miles distant from Jeddo.

### How Physicians Were Paid.

"From the time of my first connection with the business, in 1890, there have always been a resident physician and assistant physician upon the property, until recently, with the exception of a short interval. The firm selected the head physician, who chose his assistants, and we collected 75 cents a month from married men and 50 cents a month for the single men over 21, and the amount collected was paid over to the physician without charge or deduction therefrom. This arrangement was not compulsory upon the men or families.

"In the early part of 1899 my wife employed, at her own expense, a trained nurse to look after the sick, and later, when this nurse retired, another nurse from St. Luke's hospital in Bethlehem took her place, who introduced the system of district nursing in the borough of Jeddo and in the neighboring villages.

### The Company Stores.

"Stores for the sale of general merchandise and of miners' supplies have always been maintained upon the property, and have been and are an accommodation to the men and their families. The men have never been required to deal there.

Continuing, the answer says a sliding scale basis of labor had been agreed upon in 1875 and had from that time been generally in force in the Lehigh region. In September, 1897, a committee of miners presented certain demands to the firm. An agreement was then in existence between the company and men to settle differences by arbitration. The company replied to the demands and received no further communication from the miners. Work at the mines continued uninterrupted until the latter part of 1900, when